

# Hatch House Placed on National Register



The Abram Hatch home has been placed in the National Register of Historic Sites. The mansion has been purchased by Zions First National Bank and will be renovated and used as the site of the Heber Branch of the bank.

The house was built by Abram Hatch of Heber City, circa 1892. The large, 50 x 86 foot, one and a half story, structure is predominantly of native materials. It stands well back on a large lot at the northwest corner of Center Street and First East in Heber City, facing to the south, with two enormous spruce trees flanking the front of the house.

**THE WALLS ARE OF A** light red, trimmed sandstone, quarried east of Heber City. The steep roof is of red cedar shingles with detailed pattern in the tower roof.

The house provided for his large family, for entertaining distinguished visitors, and, in the large southeast room, his office as religious, legislative, civic and business leader of the community.

The facade is symmetrical with the spindled entrance-porch at the center flanked by the large bay windows set in the

firm sandstone outer walls of the parlor to the left and the office, with its own entry off the porch to the hip lines above the front rooms, to the gable across the house, to the flat center roof and again to the front in the tower roof rising above the thin chimneys at either side.

**FROM THE PORCH**, paneled double doors open to a vestibule and then, through another set of double doors with etched glass panes, into the center hallway running to the rear, with doorways of carved framing and paneled doors to the parlor and the office. Both the parlor and office have tile faced fireplaces set off by carved wood, with mirrors above. In the office is a great carved bookcase with sliding glass doors. Further back in the house to the left is the sitting room, and to the right, the dining room, with each with its bay window to its side of the house. To the rear of the sitting room are two bedrooms. To the rear of the dining room is the kitchen. Between bedrooms and kitchen is a bath. A rear entry porch is to the rear of the kitchen.

**A SUBSEQUENT, BUT** early construction, added a wash area and storage rooms to the rear of the kitchen and rear entry porch.

From the hallway, the stairs start at a carved newel post and go up, with handrail doweled to the spindles, up to the upper hallway, with also runs lengthwise in the house. There are six bedroom and a bath in the gable-and-dormer-windowed upper floor. The upper windows of the center rooms are outlined in vari-colored stained glass. The original patterned carpeting still remains on the upper bedroom floors.

**THE BUILDING IS FACED** with salmon colored sandstone, carefully cut and chipped in size for uniformity of height in each course. The stone lintels and sills of each window and door are exactly trimmed. On the interior, the doors and windows are framed in fine carved woodwork.

The house has a studiness of materials and a simplicity without being plain. Its detail gives it character.

Built during the same era of the opulent houses of the mining tycoons, as seen along East South Temple Street in Salt Lake City, this house, a day's trip away by horse and wagon, was built for the man of prominence in the small town — in a more direct style.

The cut and etched glass of the main floor windows, the

of taste and stature. The plan of the house, the quality of craftsmanship expressed in the cut, chip and trim of the stonework and the detail of the woodwork, are an expression of that man in putting the various elements together.

This house is indigenous and unique and particularly expressive in the straightforward development of the site and structure.

**BUILT CIRCA 1892** by Abram Hatch of Heber City, pioneer, long-time church leader and legislator, frieghter, farmer, rancher, merchant, miller, businessman, and community builder.

He desired a fine house for his family and for social and official functions he conducted as a religious, government and civic leader.

He had built the Wasatch Co. Courthouse while probate judge (county commissioner), the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle, as stake president, The A. Hatch & Co. General Merchandising store, canals, farms, ranches, creamery, tannery and flour mill.

**IN BUILDING HIS HOME** he determined to use the finest of materials, secure the best of craftsmen and, by his own supervision, assure quality of construction in predominantly local materials.

He conducted the first banking activity in the valley in his adjacent A. Hatch & Co. general merchandise store, as expressed in an early day notice of meeting to stockholders "As there is no bank in this place, it is common for some people to leave money in our care. It varies in amount but never gets to a point which we cannot pay it on call."

**Owners:**  
Abram Hatch ..... 1892-1911  
Ruth Wooley Hatch ..... 1911-193-  
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—Midway—

Last week we were surprised by a moose. This week Andrew Lundin and Jerry Motley got their elk. Next week the deer hunt's excitement is being felt and men prepare.

—Midway—

At the Midway Second Ward Sacrament Meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Carlile and Elder Paul Rasband were the speakers. Julie Probst played a piano solo, "Forgotten Dreams" by LeRoy Anderson and "They Found Him in the Temple". Monica Sexton sang the solo, "Holy City". She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Andrew Sloan.

—Midway—

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sloan from Surrey, England, near the temple there, and their daughter, Monica Sexton from Kent which is located out of London, England and Mrs. Elizabeth Hall from Newcastle, England are spending a month with their friends, Nephi and Beth Probst.

—Midway—

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Henney from Milford; Dora Olsen of Salt Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Ogden; Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCormick from Garden Grove, California; Mrs. Wilma Heckert, Jessie Beck from Hailey, Idaho have visited Mrs. Alice Huffaker recently.

—Midway—

Burton and Margret Alder enjoyed attending an open house celebrating the 80th Birthday of Wade Cummings at Murray recently.

—Midway—

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Alder and children of Grace, Idaho, spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Van Wagoner and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Alder.

—Midway—

We are proud to say Clyde and Della Alder have been made Temple Workers at the new Provo Temple.

—Midway—

Keith and Delvene Bronson enjoyed an overnight visit with Peggy and Roger Hicken and

family at Bridgeland Saturday and Sunday.

—Midway—

Alta Meeks underwent major surgery on her knees at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. She came home on Tuesday and says she is doing fine.

—Midway—

Lazelle Bronson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bronson on Sunday while he is on an assigned job in Salt Lake.

—Midway—

Beth Jensen called from Colorado Springs to tell her folks Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bronson, she had fallen and broken her arm — while she was ice skating!

—Midway—

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buhler drove to Nephi on Sunday to visit Jim and Karla Corry who have moved to Nephi from Cedar City. Carla was a roommate of Kathy's at college.

—Midway—

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Burgi came from Burley, Idaho, for the BYU Homecoming game and visit with his folks, Sam and Martha Burgi.

—Midway—

Marion and Thad Yost were also down from Idaho for the BYU Homecoming game and visited their mother, Elsie Kohler before their return home to Rexburg.

—Midway—

Louise Jones stayed the week with her sister-in-law, Elsie Kohler. Edna Peterson and Gean Jackson enjoyed one day during the week with their aunt, Elsie Kohler. Mr. and Mrs. George (Ruth) Jones Jr. visited Elsie Kohler and other relatives on Thursday.

—Midway—

Faye and Russell Cummings and daughter, Vivian visited at the home of Faye's mother, Mrs. Virginia Bigler on Sunday.

—Midway—

Visitors at the home of Naomi Burgener this week were Mrs. Julie Penrod of Orem on Thursday. Sunday J. D. Hills and friend, RaNae and Luann Hills and friend, Steven Dunn from

Orem; spent the day. David Hansen of Duchesne came to visit Naomi on Monday.

—Midway—

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pope and Lori drove to Provo on Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Al Stacy before they returned to their winter home in Superior, Arizona.

—Midway—

Jane Ashley left on Sunday for her home at Urbana, Illinois after a pleasant 3-week visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kohler of Midway and her brother, Dale and Joyce Kohler and daughter of Salt Lake. She enjoyed the beautiful fall colors of the mountains and nearby hills. Jane and her brother Dale spent a day at the State Fair. Jane's husband, Dr. Richard Ashley is working in Biological Research at the University of Illinois for the school year.

—Midway—

Recent out-of-town visitors at the Tuotte home were: Mrs. Ethel Lubeck, Salt Lake; Mrs. Gary Sume and four children of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Aho of Elmo, Wyoming; Mrs. Selma Stevens and Mrs. Emma Peterson of Rock Springs, Wyoming; Mrs. Helga Pinkerton and son, Dan of Bozeman, Montana.

—Midway—

Mrs. Tekla Sume motored to Murray with her daughter-in-law and children to spend a few days.

—Midway—

Mrs. Amy O'Keefe is still visiting Esther and Tekla. She came for Midway Swiss Days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McNaughton and Zelma DeGraff drove to Sacramento, California where they met Capt. Bill McNaughton who was there on army business and had extra time, and drove on to Sonora, California, where they visited with Janet and Max Lemon and saw their new baby, before getting Bill back for his plane ride to his base and the others on home.

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